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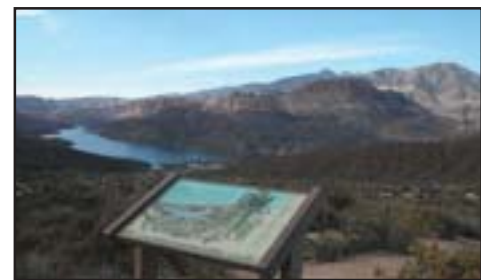
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Colonel receives DSC for leading Iraqi commandos

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The Distinguished Service Cross – second only to the Medal of Honor in military decorations – has been awarded to U.S. Army Col. James H. Coffman Jr. for his role in leading Iraqi Special Police Commandos through a 5 ½-hour battle against insurgents trying to overrun an Iraqi police station.

Flanked by the commando unit Coffman fought with, U.S. Army Gen. George Casey, commander of Multi-National Forces–Iraq, pinned the cross and eagle medal on Coffman’s body armor during an Aug. 24 ceremony at Adnon Palace in Baghdad’s International Zone. Iraq’s Minister of Interior, Bayan Jabr, and a number of other high-ranking Iraqi and Coalition leaders also attended the ceremony.

“It’s humbling to me, to be in the company of heroes,” Casey said, noting Coffman’s extraordinary heroism in the battle that killed 12 Iraqi commandos and wounded 24. “Such exemplary conduct is a great example to Iraqi commandos and to all American Soldiers and warriors.”

Coffman, 51, is a senior adviser to Iraqi Special Police Commandos with the Multi-National Security Transition Command–Iraq’s Civilian Police Assistance Training Team. He accompanied a commando Quick Reaction Force with the 3rd Battalion, 1st Iraqi Special Police Commando Brigade on Nov. 14, 2004 to help a commando platoon under attack in a Mosul, Iraq police station.

As the QRF approached the station, it was besieged with rocket-propelled grenades, small arms fire and mortar rounds. Coffman and the commandos fought the insurgents for four hours before help arrived. When the initial firefight killed or seriously wounded all but one of the commando officers, Coffman rallied the remaining commandos while trying to radio for assistance, according to his award citation.

“Under heavy fire, he moved from commando to commando, looking each in the eye and using hand and arm signals to dem-

onstrate what he wanted done,” the citation said.

When an enemy round shattered his left shooting hand, damaging his M4 rifle in the process, Coffman bandaged it and continued fighting with AK-47 rifles he collected from commando casualties until each ran out of ammunition. He also passed out ammunition to the uninjured commandos with the help of the remaining commando officer. When all that remained were loose rounds, Coffman held magazines between his legs and loaded the rounds with his good hand.

When a second commando unit arrived four hours after the fight began, Coffman led them to his position and continued to fight, refusing to be evacuated for treatment until the battle was over. Not long after the commando reinforcements arrived, air support and a Stryker Brigade Quick Reaction Force were on hand to assist in the battle.

Coffman supervised the evacuation of injured commandos and led another group of commandos to the police station to make contact with the Iraqi Police inside. Once the additional air and ground support elements began attacking buildings the enemy forces were hiding in, Coffman went back to his initial position to check on the injured commandos and then agreed to be evacuated for treatment. 25 insurgents were killed and dozens injured.

“Col. Coffman, the blood you shed will never be forgotten,” said Jabr, the Interior Minister. “We, the forces of the (Ministry of Interior) and the (Ministry of Defense) will continue to fight until we defeat terrorism. Right will always defeat wrong.”

In remarks during the ceremony, Coffman praised the commandos for their service and commitment to defending freedom in Iraq. He also said he viewed the ceremony as a tribute to the Iraqi and Coalition forces that have fought, bled and died together.

“Third battalion, I am truly, truly honored to stand here with you today and remember your courage and bravery last



Photo by Sgt. Lorie Jewell

U.S. Army Gen. George Casey, commander of Multi-National Forces-Iraq, congratulates U.S. Army Col. James H. Coffman Jr. after pinning him with the Distinguished Service Cross.

November and in all the days since then,” Coffman said, facing the commando formations. “It has been an honor to fight with you.”

Jabr and Iraqi Maj. Gen. Adnon Thebit, commander of the Special Police Forces, each presented Coffman with medallions.

Prior to the ceremony, Coffman said surgery repaired the shattered bones in his hand but it still isn’t back to 100 percent. In the months he’s had to reflect on the battle, Coffman said his focus continues to be on the courage and exemplary performance of

the Iraqi commandos he fought with.

“I’m very proud of them, and more importantly, they’re proud of themselves,” Coffman said. “The next day, they were back out on patrol – after suffering 30 to 50 percent casualties. That’s pretty amazing. I’m not sure American units would do that. That says something about their resilience and their ability to maintain morale. They certainly mourned their losses, but they got back into the fight right away. I don’t think

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Fast receives gift from departing Sailors



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Navy mascot, as found in the front yard of Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast.

BY ESAU LOLIS

SCOUT STAFF

Graduating Navy students of the Naval Technical Training Center Detachment allegedly tied a goat sporting a U.S. Navy embroidered blanket to a light pole in front of the commanding general's quarters.

Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast reportedly was surprised and humored by the event. Luckily for the Sailors, they won't have to do time in the brig, especially after the goat ate her favorite potted flowers and a portion of her hedge.

The goat was first seen by Capt. Patricia Cawdrey, Fast's aide de camp, when delivering a message to the CG. "My first thought was that this was a prank or a night when all the colonels get together for dinner," Cawdrey said she assumed the CG was supposed to bring the chips and salsa or something to that effect. "When I called Mr. Fast, I found out that was not the case and he too was caught by surprise."

Cawdrey said the goat was happy because she had the opportunity to feed on the grasses of Quarters 1. "I am fairly

certain that no other can claim that, with the exception of the CG's dogs," she said.

In an e-mail from Lt. Jeff Aiton, officer in charge of the recently departed Navy detachment, he denied the Navy's involvement in the alleged incident.

"Although I cannot help but respect the braveness, creativity, resourcefulness and stealthiness of the perpetrators of this act, as the leader of the Navy element, I strongly deny any involvement in this childish prank," he said.

"As a token of our sympathy, we have made arrangements for an unnamed local goat rancher — found randomly in the Sierra Vista yellow pages — to pick up the goat and return her to her milk-producing duties," he continued.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the hospitality and attention Gen. Fast and the folks of Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista extended to us during our six-month tour," Aiton said. "We attended two world-class courses taught by world-class instructors, and you can be proud of the 'high-speed/low-drag' Sailors you've turned out."

Guard mounts massive response to Katrina



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Haskell

Louisiana Army National Guard Staff Sgt. John Jackson checks out portable radios outside the Louisiana Superdome a few nights after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans and led to massive flooding.

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Louisiana Army National Guard Staff Sgt. John Jackson had much on his mind as he checked the batteries for a dozen portable radios beside the Louisiana Superdome that was surrounded by a stinking cesspool three nights after Katrina.

The single father's five children were safe with his parents in New Boston, Texas. But his house in New Orleans was under water. Could he and his kids return to their home? How could he support them in a city where there were no longer any jobs? What would he do?

All of that seemed to take a back seat to the task at hand. Jackson is a National Guard Soldier. He had been called to state active duty for what had evolved into the worst natural disaster in United States history. He was attached to the Louisiana Army Guard's engineer task force. He was determined to do his duty.

"This is still a great country," said the man who had served in Iraq during the Global War on Terrorism and who, once again, had set his personal life aside to help others.

Almost 30,000 deploy

So it was with nearly 30,000 other National Guard troops from across America who left their families and their civilian jobs during the week after Hurricane Katrina became the biggest national calamity since terrorists struck the World Trade

Center and the Pentagon with jetliners nearly four years earlier.

"This is one of the worst natural disasters we have faced with national consequences. Therefore, there will be a national response," said President George Bush after observing the devastation and recovery missions on Sept. 2.

New Orleans, it was pointed out, is far more than a cultural center, convention city and party town. It is the port for 20 percent of American commerce. It was flooded out — shut down.

And tens of thousands of people in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast states of Louisiana and Mississippi needed help — fast. The afflicted area covered 90,000 square miles, the size of Great Britain, twice the area of Pennsylvania, CNN reported. The National Guard was ready to respond.

40 states to send troops

By Sept. 3, five days after the storm struck with 145 mph, Category 4 fury on Aug. 29 and after the levees that protected New Orleans had broken open, nearly 27,000 Army and Air Guard men and women were on state active duty in the stricken region.

That number was expected to increase to nearly 40,000 during the coming days. Forty states, including the affected ones, were sending troops, equipment and supplies by cargo planes and convoys. The Guard was providing 74 percent of Joint Task Force

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Task force aviation answers the call to duty

BY SPC. CREIGHTON D. HOLUB
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Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division are answering the call to duty by providing critical support and relief to the victims of Hurricane Katrina, which struck the Gulf Coast last week.

Task Force Eagle, consisting of more than 250 Soldiers and 17 aircraft, deployed to Baton Rouge, La., Sept. 1, where it set up operations and began flying evacuation and supply missions to the thousands of New Orleans citizens left stranded by the deadly storm.

With Soldiers from 3-4 and 2-4 Aviation and other support Soldiers, the task force provides unique multifunctional aviation capabilities that can be used to support federal and state agencies. The force is operating as part of Joint Task Force Katrina, and performs a variety of missions from providing emergency evacuations to distributing food and water and carrying out other missions to support life and property.

During the first two days of flight operations, the task force evacuated more than 1,400 victims and handed out more than 3,000 military rations and water with 111 hours of flight time logged by 14 helicopters.

Specifically, the task force's UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters delivered two pallets of military rations and two pallets of water to the ailing survivors, some of which suffered from dehydration, while in just three hours, one of the unit's Chinook helicopters dropped 89,000 pounds of sand to a New Orleans levee with sand bags weighing no less than 15,000 pounds each.

"We are very versatile," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mordicah J. Thomas, maintenance test pilot, who is assigned to Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment. "We can move masses of people, cargo, equipment, food and water. We can do almost anything we've got to do."

Many of the Task Force Eagle Soldiers feel a sense of accomplishment because they are able to provide comfort and, in some cases, save the lives of other American citizens.

"I'm a true patriot and I think we've been given an opportunity to help here," Thomas said. "We're actually helping Americans – we're right where we need to be. It's a sense of giving back to America."

Task Force Eagle crews are flying

long hours in providing maximum assistance to the hurricane survivors. All 17 helicopters are being used to provide medical evacuations, food and water drops.

"We've got thousands and thousands of people that need our help," said Pfc. James R. Warden, healthcare specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery, 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment in the division's Fires Brigade. "We kicked some MREs (military rations) and (bottled) water off the bird. I wish we were able to do more."

While the task force had to wait for the proper clearances for the active duty Army to become involved in the relief effort, but once it was activated, the operation's sense of urgency was evident.

"When it hits home, we've got to help," said Pfc. Carson Fore, Black Hawk, a crew chief assigned to Co. A, 2-4 Aviation. "We got here as fast we could. It takes a lot to get 14 birds here. This is probably the most satisfying thing I've done in the Army. Here you wake up and you save people."

"Imagine being surrounded by water and not being able to drink a drop of the water," Fore said. "For those people, it's an immediate reaction when we drop food and water to them."

While some Soldiers such as Fore and Warden are on the front lines of the relief effort, other Soldiers such as Spc. Rachel Robinette may never winch up a survivor, but her contribution to the overall effort is just as valuable.

"I bring combat experience, but I don't know how that's going to help in a situation like this," said Robinette, logistical specialist, assigned to Co. A, 404th Aviation Support Battalion. "We've been helping the (helicopter) fuelers with their mission. I've been learning what they do and what they go through."

Part of the Soldiers' training at Fort Hood has been training for their upcoming deployment to Iraq. That training has also proven to be valuable in their current operation.

"We've been training [for Iraq] ever since I've been here," Hicks said. "Everybody knows what to do in different situations."

The deployment training encompasses a wide variety of tasks from medical aid to vehicle operations.

"I've been cross training and driv-



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Reginald P. Rogers

A trio of firefighting ships hose down a New Orleans chemical plant near the Mississippi River Sept. 2. Aircraft from the 4th Infantry Division are providing support by airlifting firefighters to critical locations throughout the city.

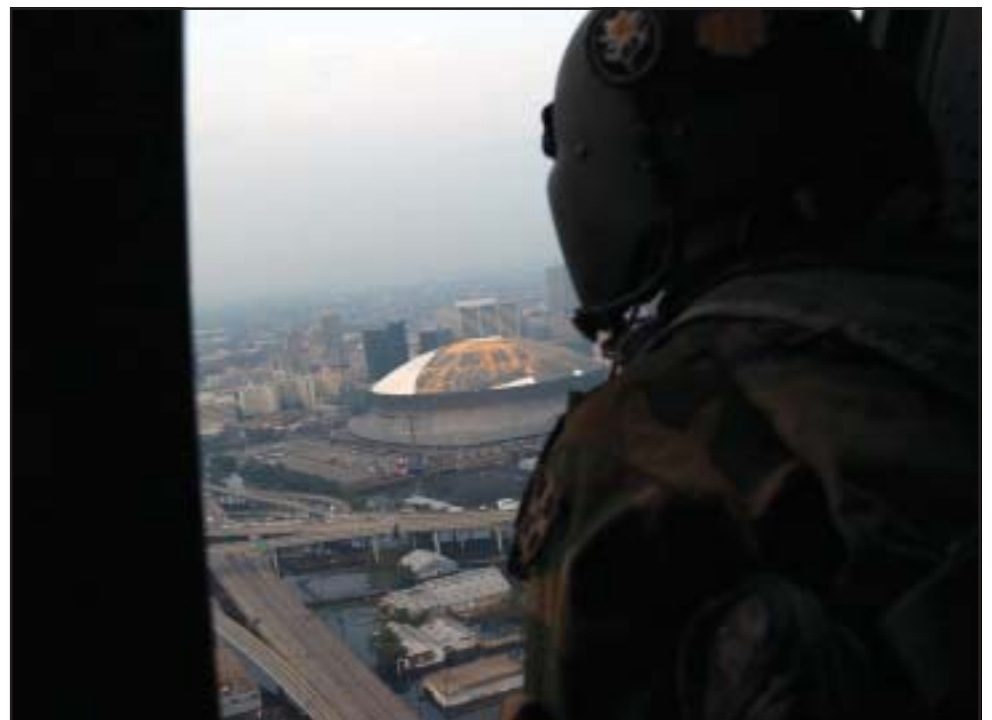
ing HEMTTs and refueling the Chinooks and Black Hawks," said Spc. Melissa Hood, motor transport operator, also of Co. A, 404th ASB. "I'm learning something completely different than I thought (it would be)."

Hood is one of many Soldiers that volunteered to aid in the relief effort.

She said the news reports she's seen on the news about the wrath of Hurricane Katrina led to her decision.

"If I can help in any kind of way, I will," she said.

"Anything I can do to make somebody's life easier motivates me to want to do it," Robinette added.



UH-60 Blackhawk crew chief Spc. Michael McDermid scans the city of New Orleans, searching for victims in need of evacuation Sept. 1. McDermid, who is assigned to the 4th Infantry Division's Aviation Brigade is deployed to Louisiana as part of a task force to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina



Photo by Thom Williams

Blood drive

Sgt. Angela Gehers from William Beaumont Medical Center at Fort Bliss, Texas draws blood from Sgt. Shelley Holloway, of E Co., 305th Military Intelligence Battalion at a recent Armed Services Blood Program Blood Drive. Event organizers hope to collect 400 units of blood during the two-day drive.

This year, service members and civilians on Fort Huachuca have rolled up their sleeves and given more than 2,000 units of blood to the program. The Forts next blood drive is scheduled to take place from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Sept. 27-28 at Eifler Gym . All blood collected during the event will go to service members and those who are connected to the military.

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Women's Equality Day luncheon

BY ESAU LOLIS
SCOUT STAFF

The annual Women's Equality Day Luncheon Aug. 31 was standing room only at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

Soldiers from the U.S. Army Intelligence Center planned the event. Soldiers wore clothing from the early 1900's and took-up pickets similar to those used during the women's movement.

The picket line marched through the luncheon yelling, "Women deserve the right to vote. Let us vote."

"I think it is important to do reenactments like this to remember what women had to do to gain the right to vote" said Sgt.1st Class

Anissa Jones of the 11th Signal Brigade.

"In 1971 the U.S. Congress designated August 26th as Women's Equality Day to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jacqueline Clay, who made remarks during the luncheon. "We celebrate Women's Equality Day to commemorate the tremendous positive change brought on by the women's movement."

"To the countless millions of women who planned, organized, lectured, wrote, petitioned, lobbied, paraded and broke new ground in every field imaginable, our world is irrevocably changed," she said.



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Soldiers from the United States Army Intelligence Center participate in the recreation of picket lines like those held during the women's suffrage movement.

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Katrina, the uniformed military support to civilian authorities, the National Guard Bureau reported.

Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, promised two basic things to President George W. Bush, Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco and whoever else asked. “We’ll give you whatever you need. We’re here for as long as you need us,” Blum vowed.

Mission includes: search, security, subsistence relief

Guard members in helicopters and Humvees and high-water trucks provided security to communities without power, helped distribute food and water, and conducted search and rescue missions in Louisiana, Missis-

sippi, Alabama and in Florida where a relatively mild, Category 1 Katrina had struck the southern Miami region three days before devastating the Gulf Coast.

They did what they could for the 20,000 or so people who flocked to the Louisiana Superdome before and after the storm and who were finally evacuated from that filthy facility on Saturday, Sept. 3. They took control of the Crescent City’s convention center the day before that.

“One of the objectives that we had today was to move in and secure that convention center and make sure the good folks there got food and water,” Bush reported. “The main priority is to restore and maintain law and order

and assist in recovery and evacuation efforts.”

By Sept. 3, the Air National Guard had flown 785 sorties, more than it had done in three months. The Air Guard reported flying in 12,854 troops, evacuating more than 11,000 victims to safety and delivering 39,013 tons of supplies and equipment to the devastated area.

Moving ice, water, sandbags and food

The Guard had trucked nearly 1,600 loads of water and more than 1,000 loads of ice to afflicted people in the four states. The Guard’s CH-47 “Chinook” helicopters had flown in 65 sandbags, each weighing 20,000 pounds, to help block a breached levee

in Louisiana.

It was the largest and most comprehensive National Guard response to a natural disaster since 32,000 California Guard members were called up for the earthquake that hit the San Francisco Bay region area in October 1989.

Bigger than 9/11?

Yes, it was bigger than the response to Sept. 11, 2001, reported National Guard historian Michael Doubler, author of the 2001 book “I Am The Guard.”

“With the commitment of 20,000 National Guard troops at this early stage, this operation is already four or

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Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop a major contributor to community

BY ROB MARTINEZ
SCOUT STAFF

Have you ever wondered where the Thrift Shop profits go?

To many local schools, groups, and charities, it's no mystery. Last year alone, the Thrift Shop gave out \$30,000 in student scholarships; the previous year, \$26,000. The Junior Olympics, Volunteer Care-givers Interfaith Program, St. Vincent De Paul, and Meals On Wheels are some others that also benefitted from the Thrift Shop's generosity.

Jean Whitner, a volunteer, said they distribute the proceeds as extensively as they can among community and military organizations.

Last year, they disbursed \$23,000 to community and military schools. One on-post endeavor is the Desert to Desert project, which gives out Misty Mates to deploying troops.

Jana Proctor, director and inspiration behind the project, was so impressed with the Thrift Shop's track record that she contacted the shop first for help with funding.

"It was the first organization. When I thought of Desert to Desert, I asked them. They helped me right away. We did good. Desert to Desert is doing good right now," she said.

The Thrift Shop is run by fifty volunteers, and seven paid staff. The council is made up of only volunteers, and they direct the shop. The council also determines how the profits are disseminated to applicants. "They have to submit an application," she said. "We don't just take the money and say 'here'." Those applying should be a nonprofit organization, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service code section 501 (c)(3).

It's only been the last three years that the Thrift Shop has been dispensing their funds themselves. "It's new to us too. This will be our fourth year," Whitner said.

At the end of the year, if funds are left over, they give money to those who didn't get the full amount that they requested. "We run it down to zero at the end of the year ... that's the idea of it," she said.



Photo by Rob Martinez



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Above: Traffic outside the Thrift Shop
Top left: Two volunteers at the thrift shop help a customer to her vehicle.
Bottom left: Shopping at the thrift shop.

Bottom: A Soldier from the 86th Signal Battalion, waiting to deploy to Bright Star in Egypt, catches a Misty Mate.



Photo by Spc. John Martinez

CFSC employees welcome Katrina evacuees



Photo by Tim Hipps

U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center employee Amparo Carrion pushes the wheelchair of a military veteran evacuated from the Hurricane Katrina-ravaged Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, Miss., upon arrival Sept. 1 at the AFRH in Washington, D.C.

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Employees from the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center rushed to support military veterans who were evacuated from the Hurricane Katrina-ravaged Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport, Miss. and transferred Sept. 1 to its sister facility here.

About 240 veterans made the 19-hour ride on seven buses from Gulfport, arriving at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington. They were greeted by service members and military civilians

“When I opened up my E-mail, it was almost flooded [by workers willing to help],” said CFSC building manager Jim Harris, who coordinated the effort for the Army’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

CFSC employees helped prepare rooms and welcome the displaced veterans to their temporary new home.

Many who came to the 276-acre facility in Northwest Washington said it was one of their most gratifying acts of humanity.

“A lot of work was done to prep the area here for them to come in so they’ll have a comfortable place to rest their weary heads,” CFSC’s Bob Roadarmel said. “It’s an experience that will just warm your heart.”

“The outpouring was kind of like when [troops] got back from Desert Storm – the flags, the people, the support. It’s just really incredible,” said Bill Sport, one of 38 CFSC employees who provided muscle and nurturing during a two-day span. “This is just an opportunity to give

back and tell these guys we really appreciate what they’ve done. It’s been wonderful.”

The catch-phrase of the day was “Welcome to Washington – you’re home now,” as the veterans disembarked from buses and made their way through two rows of people waving tiny American flags.

Timothy Cox, chief operating officer for the Armed Forces Retirement Homes in Washington and Gulfport, said the facility here would not have been ready without the effort, noting that thousands of people called to offer assistance.

“The response has just been overwhelming,” he said. “We set up close to 400 rooms in about eight hours. It was all taken care of largely because of the volunteer force and we thank them from the insides of our hearts.”

One day after clean-

ing bedrooms and bathrooms at the retirement home, Rochelle Jones was so touched that she hugged one of the first veterans off the bus.

“It makes me happy knowing that I can give my time to someone in need,” said Jones, a 19-year veteran of CFSC who also assisted during Desert Storm, Desert Shield and after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. “My heart was relieved that we could help them have a place to live.”

Harris thinks the volunteers may have gained more than the evacuees.

“The feeling that you have when you [finish] lets you stand a little taller when you’re shaving in the morning,” he said. “I’m very humbled at the way the Community and Family Support Center folks earn their name every time they are called on.”

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B Troop

Fort Huachuca’s B Troop will conduct its annual ceremony at the Fort Bowie cemetery on Saturday to honor the men buried there. They will be at the cemetery that begins at 10:30. For more information on this event or on B Troop, call 538-2178.

Brush burns planned

Over the next few weeks, the Fort Huachuca fire department will burn brush piles behind the Bonnie Blink housing area. Because of the current monsoon and resulting green up, now is the ideal time to dispose of the potential fuels. For more information, contact the Installation Forrester Frank Hammond at 533-5701.

Service Certification

The registration deadline for the fall Automotive Service Excellence Certifica-

tion Examination is noon, Monday. Registration forms may be picked up at the testing office in the Education Center, Bldg 52104. DANTES authorizes funding for a maximum of three \$25 ASE exams for each semi-annual examination cycle. Active duty and Reserve component personnel in a related MOS are eligible to test for either credit-by examination or for certification. DANTES does not fund the L1, L2 or any recertification tests. All examinees must pay the \$32 registration fee. Testing dates for the fall ASE cycle are Nov. 10, 15 and 17 and will begin at 7:30 a.m. For more information, contact Diane Jette at 533-1701.

Office closure

The Adjutant General Department, including the ID Card Section, will be closed from 11 : 30 a.m. to 4: 30 p.m. on Sept. 16 . All Soldiers out-processing/requiring final-outs need to report prior to 11:30. For emergencies, please call 533-533-2291.

Community Spouses’ Club

Whether you’re new to southern Arizona or have been here for a while, the Fort Huachuca Community Spouses’ Club has a great deal to offer. The new club year has begun and the September Luncheon is just around the corner. Join the Fort Huachuca Community Spouses’ Club on Sept. 21 for the September Luncheon at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre, located on Irwin Road. Social hour begins at 10:30 and lunch is served at 11:30, with a cost of \$10.00.

This month’s theme is “Finding Fashion in the High Desert,” and there will be a fashion show sponsored by Dillard’s.

Additionally, the We Care project for September is school supplies for the post schools. Please bring any donations to the luncheon.

For reservations, please contact Victoria Glynn at 458-2475 or via email at mnvglynn@aol.com. The deadline for reservations is at noon on Sept. 16. Come and get involved, meet new people, join the club and find your niche.

Interested in becoming an Army Officer?

This year the Army has expanded the selection criteria for Officer Candidate School, which is covered by AR 350-31. In addition to changing the maximum age for applicants to 42 (up from 30), the Army has delegated the selection authority down to the commanding general level for FY 06 classes.

USAIC&FH will be holding a special OCS board on Oct. 12-14 at Murr Recreation Center. If you are interested in applying for this special program, you need to see your commander or S-1 for more information or call Rosalie Monge at 533-1503. Packets must be turned in no later than Oct. 5 in order to be considered and boarded for this program. (All Signal Soldiers should contact the NETCOM G-1 for details).

The next regular quarterly OCS Board will be held on Dec. 14 at Murr Recreation

center. Contact Rosalie Monge for more details.

Fall Fuel wood applications

The U.S. Army Garrison Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Fort Huachuca now has green fuelwood applications available for this year’s cutting season. A limited number of up to one half-cord (or one load no larger than 2x4x8 feet) permits for green mesquite will be sold for \$25.00 each on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a limit of one permit per household. Permits will be sold to active duty or retired military, and Fort Huachuca civil service and Non-appropriated fund employees.

The cutting season will begin on Sept. 17 and end on Oct. 31. The green fuelwood area is located in designated areas of the south range on Fort Huachuca. A map of the fuelwood area will be attached to the permit.

To apply for a permit, go to www.huachucaarmymil/firewood/fuelwood.html, print and complete the application form and mail to IMSW-HUA-PWB, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, 3040 Butler Road, Fort Huachuca, Arizona 85613-7010. A self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check or money order made out to the U.S. Treasury must be included with the application. Completed applications must be mailed to the office. Successful applicant permits will be mailed out and will not be available at the office for pick-up.

Chaplain’s Corner

Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m.	Episcopal	Main Post
9:20 a.m.	Gospel	Kino Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Prosser Village
11 a.m.	Cross Roads	Cochise Theater
11 a.m.	Collective	Main Post
3:30 p.m.	ALPHA	Prosser Village

Roman Catholic Worship

Mon.-Fri.	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
Saturday	4 p.m.	Main Post
Confession		
Saturday	5 p.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Mass		

Jewish Worship

Friday	7 p.m.	Main Post
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Catholic

<u>Main Post Chapel</u>		
CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Adult	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Apologetics		
Adoration of the	Friday	3 - 6 p.m.
Sacrament Blessed		
Korean OCIA	Friday	7 p.m.
MCCW	1st Friday	7 p.m.

Protestant

<u>Main Post Chapel</u>		
PWOC	Tuesday	9 a.m.
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.
<u>Kino Chapel</u>		
Women’s Ministry	1st, 3rd Friday	6 p.m.
Bible Study Fellowship		
Adult/Youth	Sunday	8 a.m.
Sunday School		

Youth Church	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sunday	
Men’s Choir	Tuesday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Women’s Choir	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Adult Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Thursday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Youth Ushers	Saturday	10 a.m.
Youth Choir	3rd Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Youth Emphasis	4th Saturday	
Saturdays		
Drama Team	Saturday	8:30 a.m.
Youth Min. Staff	Saturday	10 a.m.
& Parents Meeting		
Youth Choir	Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Rehearsal		

Murr Community Center

Teens and	Sunday	9:20 a.m.
Pre-teens Study		
Parish Council	1st Sunday after service	

Meetings		
Women’s Ministry	2nd Sunday	
Meetings		
Youth Ministry	3rd Suda	
Meetings		
Adult Usher	4th Sunday after	service
Meetings		
Men’s Ministry	Saturday	8 a.m.
Bible Study		
Women’s Choir	5th Saturday	11 a.m.
Rehearsal		

Muslim Prayer

Friday	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
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Buddhist Weekly Teaching

Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Prosser Village
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Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Sunday	10 a.m.	Main Post
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Latter Day Saints Service

Sunday	1 p.m.	Prosser Village
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you can ask much more of people than that.”

After nearly two years in Iraq, Coffman is preparing to return home in early September. He’ll return to a Pentagon job he held prior to deploying to Iraq in December 2003, in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict.

After celebrating two wedding anniversaries in Iraq, Coffman is looking forward to returning to his wife of 21 years, Patricia White, and their two grown daughters.

Coffman was able to call his wife from the medical aid station before he was evacuated to tell her what happened and that he was okay. When he learned he would be awarded the DSC – which came as a surprise – Coffman said there was some debate about whether the ceremony should be held here or at home, where his family could attend. He opted to have it done with the men he fought with.

“In my mind, it’s more for the Iraqis,” he said.

Coffman doesn’t see himself as a big hero, just a Soldier who did what he had to do to keep himself and his men alive. He believes there are plenty of heroic deeds going on in Iraq – particularly in the military and special police training teams – that go unrecognized.

“There are equal acts out there. This one just got written up,” Coffman said. “I would like to see more people get written up.”

Coffman may downplay his actions, but those who work with him on the commando adviser team describe

him as a passionate, tough, and no-nonsense warrior.

“At first, I thought he was crazy,” laughed U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Carl Paris, who arrived to the team shortly after the battle. He recalled Coffman greeting him with a large bandaged hand, saying ‘Hey, guess what, kid,’ and then giving him a blow-by-blow description of the fight.

“I have nothing but admiration for him,” Paris said. “He is the example for me being here. A lot of people talk the talk, but he walks the walk. He has a real Soldier’s mentality – cut through the B.S. and get the mission done, no matter what it takes.”

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Tlaloc Cutroneo feels honored to have been able to serve with Coffman and appreciates the trust Coffman placed with him.

“He has allowed me to be privy to major Iraqi developments and security solutions,” Cutroneo said. “I have sat in on meetings as his battle buddy, not as merely a subordinate. To be referred to as his battle buddy means quite a bit.”

Coffman enlisted in the Army in 1972 in Great Barrington, Mass., where he grew up. The tangible benefits – learning a skill and college tuition – drew him into the service. But gaining an understanding of what being a Soldier means kept him in uniform for more than 30 years.

“The idea of selfless service and patriotism takes over,” Coffman said. “I like that.”

Coffman has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chi-

nese Area Studies from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. and a Master of Science degree in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, Calif. He was also a U.S. Army Fellow at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University in Medford, Mass., and attended the Boston University Overseas Program for Master of Science in International Relations in Vicenza, Italy.

His military career has taken him from Fort Bragg, N.C.; Tampa, Fla. and Washington, D.C. to more far-flung locations like Vicenza, Korea and Gelnhausen, Germany. Along with the Distinguished Service Cross, Coffman’s other awards include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, and Special Forces and Ranger Tabs.

Coffman will have to retire in three years, but he figures he still has one more overseas tour in him. He isn’t sure it will be in Iraq, though.

“If asked, I would find it hard to say no,” Coffman said. “I have a lot of respect for a lot of the Iraqis. They have a tough time ahead of them.

“It’s easy when you’ve had a couple centuries of experience with democracy to overlook the difficulties in getting that,” Coffman said. “I can’t think of a nobler endeavor than to help 28 million people achieve it.”

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five times larger than the sustained National Guard response that followed the attacks on the World Trade Center on 9-11," Doubler said.

"I couldn't be more proud of the people in the National Guard and the absolutely awesome response they're showing to this natural disaster," said Blum while appearing on Larry King Live: How You Can Help, a three-hour CNN special.

"We had over 10,000 Guardsmen on duty, who left their families, left their jobs, prepared to help others before the hurricane hit," Blum explained. "The first Citizen-Soldiers responded to the shot heard 'round the world. Now we're responding to the storm heard round the world."

The Guard Bureau chief also pointed

out that two brigades of Guard soldiers from those states, the 256th from Louisiana and the 155th from Mississippi, are serving in Iraq.

"Many of those people ... are quite concerned about what happened to their families. They are from [the area] where the storm hit and had some its greatest devastation."

He appealed to the viewers to call 1-888-777-7731 if they have any information about the Guard families.

"This will ease the angst and the anxiety on the Soldiers who are deployed overseas and allow them to focus on their jobs while we focus back here at home on making sure we take care of their families," Blum said.

Working 20-hour days

The Guard members were focusing

on many things as they worked 20-hour days in the heat and humidity and went without showers.

"We're still involved in search and rescue, but we're trying to evacuate the people from here," explained Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Thompson, the engineer task force's top enlisted man on duty at the Superdome where the plumbing had failed. "That will be the biggest relief - getting these people out of here and where they can get some real life support instead of what we can give them."

Many Guard troops serving at the dome had been flown from flooded out homes on and around Jackson Barracks, the Louisiana Guard's joint state headquarters in New Orleans.

"Most of those guys came with what they had on their backs and in their

bags," Thompson said.

They also came to help in a hurry because that's what the Guard does.

"This was a lightning-fast call for us," said Sgt. Kevin Mooney after members of the 268th Military Police Company from Ripley, Tenn., rolled into Gulfport, Miss., on Sept. 2 to help police protect that ravaged city.

"We were told on Tuesday morning to be at the armory by noon with all of our gear," explained the Ripley police officer. "We packed our vehicles that afternoon and we rolled out the next morning."

Was he surprised that his outfit had been called up?

Not really, said Mooney. "This is what people get in for. It's just their nature to help."

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Fort Huachuca copes with the damage of Hurricane Katrina

Q&A with Stanley Young, Fort Huachuca AAFES general manager

Under what authority do we set our prices? Why do we match the price down town?

AR 60-20 Para 3-4 gives the authority to the AAFES commander, Maj. Gen. Essex, to establish prices to pay all expenses, continue the upgrade of AAFES activities and meet contribution requirements to MWR. Therefore in EOP 31-1 Para 3-3 (exchange operating procedures) the commander has delegated the authority for setting local gas prices to the Region/General Manager based on a survey of the local market. Para 3-9. Prices will be set equal to the lowest surveyed price for each grade of fuel sold. The GM will approve surveys and establish prices on a minimum weekly basis. Generally speaking, AAFES will not sell fuel below cost. However, when market conditions require that motor fuels be sold below cost, advise AAFES-SD of the circumstances. If possible, AAFES-SD will attempt to negotiate a temporary pricing allowance from the supplier.

Where does the money go?

Unlike commissaries, AAFES is a "nonappropriated fund" activity. We operate almost entirely on money earned from the sale of goods and services-not tax dollars. We must establish our prices to cover operating expenses such as inventory costs, employee salaries, utilities, plus new construction and renovations of existing facilities. At the same time, we have a financial commitment to support the morale, welfare and recreational (MWR) activities of the Army and the Air Force (i.e., libraries, bowling alleys, gyms, golf courses and more).

The money you pay at the pump/register on all products goes to pay for:

- The cost of goods, about 77 percent of sell price

- The cost of personnel, about 11 percent of the sell price
- The cost of expenses, about 5 percent of the sell price
- The cost of maintenance on equipment, about 1 percent of the sell price
- The remaining 6 percent is broken up between MWR and Capital programs for new operations

Last year AAFES contributed \$439,000 to MWR to help maintain programs such as the bowling alley, gyms, horse back riding, & Outdoor recreations. Of the 6 percent left over 14 percent of that went back to Ft Huachuca MWR.

Why are we not matching the price downtown right now?

During this time of crisis the AAFES commander has authorized the local General Managers some specific authority:

1. We will only raise our prices if our cost of goods (gas) is raised. On Tuesday our price went up 5 cents, Wednesday night our sell price went up 5 cents.
2. Rationing authority if supply dictates that it is warranted
3. To change the price in the middle of the day if our cost changes during any given day.

Why are we checking IDs at the pumps?

Because Ft Huachuca has a liberal policy on visitor passes, I want to insure that only authorized individual are purchasing gas. However we will only be doing this under 2 conditions.

1. If the supply of gas starts to become an issue
2. If the lines at the pumps start to become an issue. I don't want authorized customers waiting because an unauthorized customer is breaking the rules.

The reason we don't do this everyday is because of the additional cost of personnel would impact the 6% I mentioned above.

Why do we pay taxes on gas?

AAFES as a U.S. Government instrumentality, is immune from state and local taxes unless the immunity is waived by an act of Congress. The U.S. Congress has waived this immunity with respect to motor fuel sold by AAFES (Hayden Cartwright Act, 4 U.S.C. 104). Accordingly, AAFES is not subject to state and local tax laws and regulations on sale of items in its retail activities, but does pay state and local motor fuel taxes, as well as underground storage fees, etc. The state motor fuel taxes and other applicable fees paid by AAFES are included in the motor fuel price to the military customer. It boils down to the gas you buy from AAFES is used on a State of federal hwy; therefore your taxes go to maintain that highway.



Photo by Thom Williams

The price of all grades of gasoline at most stations both on and off-post has jumped almost a dollar a gallon in less than a week.

Industry-wide gas shortages hit some AAFES stations

AAFES NEWS RELEASE

The closure of refineries and offshore oil platforms as well as oil pipeline failures in South Eastern United States are impacting fuel availability at Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) gas stations. Citing the destruction left by Hurricane Katrina, many AAFES suppliers have given notification of "out of gas" situations at terminals around the country. As a result, there have been sporadic gas shortages at AAFES stations in the Southern and Eastern parts of the United States.

"Unfortunately, AAFES is not immune from the market forces affecting the industry," said AAFES' Chief of Corporate Communications LTC Debra Pressley. "AAFES is continuing to monitor the situation as it

develops."

AAFES officials stress that the shortage should not be viewed as a limited regional issue. According to the Oil Express, the industries' information paper, the situation is a national matter involving at least 40 states where product shortages may soon arise.

AAFES facilities have been advised to order only those gallons actually needed during this time of short supply.

As is the case with the entire petroleum industry, AAFES does not have a get well time frame for reliable gasoline supplies until the industry damage in Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi can be assessed.

AAFES operates 249 gas stations worldwide, including 177 locations in the Continental United States.

A message from the garrison commander

BY COL. JONATHAN HUNTER

I need you to ensure every single person in USAG understands that any and all requests for support to Fort Huachuca for Hurricane relief efforts will be referred to the installation operation center immediately (Tom Borer). The IOC is single approval and tasking authority. IOC will validate all requests and then task directorate to support if required. No directorate has authority to provide any support to either military or non-military entities unless it has been validated by IOC.

There are numerous legal issues associated with support. Additionally as more and more private organizations are getting involved with supported evacuated personnel they seem to be calling expecting Army to provide all sorts of support.

It is extremely important that we provide authorized support when properly tasked and do not violate any rules or waste resources. The only way we can effectively manage requirements is to have the IOC as the single belly button.

Thanks for your cooperation.

AAFES waives interest and suspends payments on credit accounts impacted by Hurricane Katrina

AAFES NEWS SERVICES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) announced it is waiving interest and suspending monthly payment requirements to Exchange Credit Program cardholders displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

"According to our records, there are approximately 15,000 accounts impacted in undeliverable zip codes," said AAFES' Treasurer Grant Morris. "No interest will be charged; and

no payments will be due for an undetermined period of time. The interest rate and payment exclusion, will also apply to new purchases for an extended time period."

AAFES determined eligibility by matching accounts to the U.S. Postal Service's listing of impacted zip codes. Affected areas in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi include:

Zip code ranges by city / state

365XX-366XX Mobile, Ala.

369XX-393XX Meridan, Miss.

394XX Hattiesburg, Miss.

395XX Gulfport, Miss.

396XX McComb, Miss.

700XX-701XX New Orleans, La.

703XX Houma, La.

704XX Mandeville, La.

All Exchange Credit Program cardholders displaced by Hurricane Katrina can contact Customer Service at the nearest Exchange, call 1-877-991-7827, or visit www.aafes.com to update their contact information.

TSP Loan Update

TSP loan and withdrawal payments (including scheduled monthly payments) are being disbursed daily. However, it will take approximately one or two days more than usual between the date of a payment's disbursement from your account and the issuance of the check or EFT payment from the Treasury. This is because the direct electronic connection between NFC in New Orleans and the Treasury disbursing center in Kansas City is no longer operational. Payment information is now being sent to Kansas City by cartridge from the TSP Northern Virginia data center. Consequently, employees receiving payment by EFT, should expect it within a week; those receiving payment by mail, will take longer.

Employees may check the dis-

bursement of their account through the Account Access portion of the TSP Web site.

If you cannot complete your request on the TSP website, you can mail the request to the address listed on the form. However, be aware that this mail is being forwarded to TSP alternative processing site. Consequently, there may be a delay in processing.

Please use the Account Access section of the TSP website to request TSP transactions, such as interfund transfers, contribution allocations, PIN requests, and to make address changes (if you are a separated participant). In some cases, employees may also be able to request and complete a loan or withdrawal using the TSP website. Loan payments may continue to be mailed to the address on the TSP loan coupon.

Leave Donations

The President has authorized OPM

to establish a Leave Donation Program to assist employees affected by Hurricane Katrina, for additional information please refer to the website at www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/2005/2005-17.asp. Department of Army is awaiting further guidance from DoD, and will publish information as soon as received.

Army Guidance for Hurricane Katrina

For Army-specific Hurricane Katrina guidance, please visit the Army Civilian Personnel Online website at <http://cpol.army.mil/library/news/hurricane.html>. For Army Civilian employee reporting or information, please contact the Corps of Engineer Emergency Operations Center at (202) 761-1001.

Units nationwide assist Task Force Pelican

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Units from across the nation have descended on Louisiana and Mississippi in response to Hurricane Katrina as part of the unprecedented call-up of National Guard and other military forces for a natural disaster.

"It's state helping state and neighbor helping neighbor," Florida Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Michael Fleming said.

Fleming, who is in Louisiana because of his

extensive experience from the four hurricanes which struck Florida last year, said the National Guard's primary focus is to save lives, provide security, and evacuate residents.

Approximately 38,000 Guardsmen operating in the devastated areas are combing the flooded streets of New Orleans for victims, pulling survivors from the rooftops of buildings by helicopter, and handing out supplies.

An additional 4,000 National Guardsmen are expected to arrive by Tuesday called to assist with Task

Force Pelican – Louisiana's response to category-four Hurricane Katrina.

In Mississippi, Alabama Army National Guardsmen provide security at gas stations, and Florida Army National Guardsmen patrol the streets of Bay St. Louis as part of the massive humanitarian effort requested by state governors.

In Louisiana alone more than 49,000 people are living in shelters around the state and another 47,000 have been moved out of state to temporary housing. Preliminary

numbers indicate Task Force Pelican has distributed more than 620,000 bottles of water and 320,000 meals since the storm hit.

Jeffrey Hetherington, a retired Florida Army National Guard colonel assisting the state's logistics officer with setting up staging areas for supplies flowing into Louisiana, said it is critical to get ice, water, and MREs to storm victims.

"It is a matter of life or death," Hetherington said. "It is what we do and how well we do it that will determine if

people live or die."

With late summer temperatures soaring into the upper 90s the National Guard is working hard to alleviate the suffering of storm victims.

Hetherington said currently there are 20 points of distribution set up manned by National Guardsmen, Texas Forestry Service, and parish volunteers. More distribution sites will be set up soon, he said.

Editor's note: Information provided by the National Guard Bureau.

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Hurricane Katrina relief

U.S. Navy Sailors and civilian personnel unload food and water from a UH-3H Sea King helicopter, transported from Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., to provide support and relief to victims of Hurricane Katrina at Stennis Space Center, Miss. The space center is being used as an evacuation center for hurricane refugees. The Navy's involvement in the humanitarian assistance operations is led by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in conjunction with the Department of Defense.

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Ultimate sacrifice paid in support of OIF

Sgt. 1st Class Lonnie J. Parson, 39, of Norcross, Ga., died on Friday in Baghdad, Iraq, when his M3A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle was struck by an enemy explosive device. Parson was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Two Soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom died on Sept. 1 in Baghdad when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV during patrol operations. Both Soldiers were assigned to the Army National Guard's 108th Cavalry Regiment, 48th Infantry Brigade, Griffin, Ga.

Killed were:

Sgt. George R. Draughn Jr., 29, of Decatur, Ga.

Staff Sgt. Robert L. Hollar Jr., 35, of Griffin, Ga.

1st Lt. Derek S. Hines, 25, of Newburyport, Mass., died on Sept. 1 in Baylough, Afghanistan, when his unit was conducting security operations and came under attack by enemy forces us-

ing small arms fire. Hines was assigned to the 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, Vicenza, Italy.

Spc. Jason E. Ames, 21, of Cerulean, Ky., died on Aug. 31 in Mosul, Iraq, from non-combat related injuries. Ames was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

Capt. Lowell T. Miller II, 35, of Flint, Mich., died on Aug. 31 in Iskandariyah, Iraq, when his military training team was conducting operations with the Iraqi Army and they came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire. Miller was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, McComb, Miss.

Sgt. Monta S. Ruth, 26, of Winston-Salem, N.C., died on Aug. 31 in Samarra, Iraq, where an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle during security patrol operations. Ruth was assigned to the 1st

Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.

Maj. Gregory J. Fester, 41, of Grand Rapids, Mich., died on Aug. 30 in Iskandariyah where an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol. Fester was a reservist assigned to the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Chief Warrant Officer Dennis P. Hay, 32, of Valdosta, Ga., died on Aug. 29 in Tal Afar, Iraq, where his OH-58D Kiowa helicopter came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire. Hay was assigned to the 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.

2nd Lt. Charles R. Rubado, 23, of Clearwater, Fla., died on Aug. 29 in Tal Afar when his M1A2 Abrams tank came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire. Rubado was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.

Sgt. 1st Class Obediah J. Kolath, 32, of Louisburg, Mo., died on Aug. 28 in Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries sustained on Aug. 25 in Husaybah, Iraq, where an improvised explosive device detonated near his position. The incident involved three other soldiers whose deaths were announced on Aug. 27. Kolath was assigned to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Spc. Joseph L. Martinez, 21, of Las Vegas, Nev., died on Aug. 27 in Tal Afar where his dismounted patrol was engaged by enemy forces using small arms fire. Martinez was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.

Staff Sgt. Damion G. Campbell, 23, of Baltimore, Md., died on August 26 in Khayr Kot, Afghanistan, where an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during a combat patrol. Campbell was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry Regiment, Vicenza, Italy.

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Fall Sale, free ceramic demo at Arts Center Sept. 17

MWR Arts Center's Fall Arts and Crafts Sale will be held 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sept. 17, at Building 52008 on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary.

The event is open to the public. Items such as ceramics, pottery, jewelry and frames will be marked down 25 percent in price.

You will also have the opportunity to visit the gallery at the Arts Center. All items in the gallery were done by local artists. During the sale, everything in the gallery will also be marked down 25 percent off the regular price.

This is your chance to start your holiday

shopping early or purchase the materials for that project you've been planning.

Free ceramic painting technique and demonstration classes will be offered that same day to the first 10 people who sign up.

The Arts Center is open noon - 8 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday. The facility offers a wide variety of classes in various media. The classes are open to everyone.

For more information about the sale or classes, call Riki Tarquinio or Ricardo Alonzo at 533-2015.

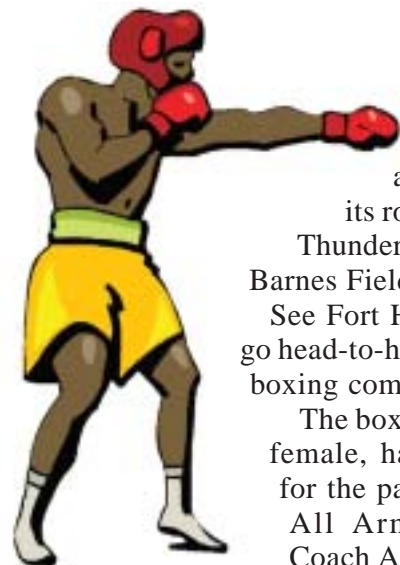


Amateur boxing at BFH Saturday

Starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, MWR will offer you the opportunity to enjoy amateur boxing at its roots, when "Desert Thunder Boxing" comes to Barnes Field House.

See Fort Huachuca Soldiers go head-to-head in hard-hitting boxing competition.

The boxers, both male and female, have been training for the past six weeks with All Army/USA Boxing Coach Andre Portela.



Get there early, because admission is free and the good seats will go fast.

For more information, call Les Woods at 533-3246.

Sign up for cake decorating class

MWR Arts Center will hold a new cake decorating class noon - 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, 24 and Oct. 1. The cost is \$50 and includes all materials.

You can register at the MWR Arts Center, Building 52008, Arizona Street. For more information, call 533-2015.

Upcoming tournaments at MVGC

Mountain View Golf Course will hold the annual Post Championship Tournament beginning at 7 a.m., Saturday and Sunday. The tournament is open to everyone and the entry fee is \$50.

For more information about the Post Championship, call 533-7088.

MVGC will host the Greater Huachuca Men's Golf Club Championship, 8 a.m., Sept. 17 and 18. This tournament is open to all members of the GHMGC. For more information about this tournament, call Carl Biski at 452-1252.

Monday Night Football starts next week at Time Out

Time Out will open at 4:30 p.m., each Monday, beginning Sept. 12 for NFL Monday Night "Football Frenzy." The Philadelphia Eagles will take on the Atlanta Falcons in the first Monday night contest of the season. Kick-off time is 6 p.m. The facility will remain open until the end of the game each week.

Time Out has six 19 and 24-inch televisions, plus a big screen TV with surround sound, so you'll be able to see and hear all the action, from the pre-game show to the final buzzer.

There will be door prizes given away each week, free popcorn, and beverages available on a pay-as-you-go basis. Get the gang together and head to Time Out for Monday night gridiron action this NFL season.

Time Out is located on Arizona Street, across from Barnes Field House. For more information, call 533-3802 or 533-3876.

Free clay target program for youth

The Sportsman's Center will offer the Scholastic Clay Target Program for all students in grades 5 - 12, beginning at 8:30 a.m., Sept. 17. The program covers skeet, trap and sporting clays. Students must be accompanied by an adult.

The program, which is sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, is free and offered on a monthly basis. The only item students are asked to bring is a baseball cap.

Sale at Sportsman's Center

The Sportsman's Center is offering 10 percent off all merchandise, including guns, ammunition, and all other items in the pro shop.

The sale will continue until all merchandise has been sold.

For more information about the sale or the youth clay target program, call Carl Jensen at 533-7085.

10K Run set for Sept. 24

The Reservoir Hill 10 Kilometer Run, the final event of the Sports and Fitness Multi-Sport Summer Series, is scheduled for 7 a.m., Sept. 24. Entry forms are available now at Barnes Field House, or on-line at www.active.com. For more information, call Michelle Kimsey at 533-3180.

Get Cardinal football packages at ITR

The MWR Information, Tickets and Reservations Office has NFL football packages for all Arizona Cardinal home games.

The packages are for one to four persons per room, and include one night's accommodations at the Amerisuites in Tempe, Ariz., breakfast buffet, tickets to the game of your choice and transportation to and from the stadium. Prices start at \$112 per person.

For more information, call 533-2404 or drop by ITR Office, Building 70914. They're open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday.

Volunteer Board Meeting Sept. 26

The Army Volunteer Advisory Board will meet at 2 p.m., Sept. 26 at the Army Community Service Building 50010. All volunteer coordinators and those that are interested in volunteer issues are invited to attend.

For more information, call Kimberlee Bridges at 533-6885 or ACS at 533-2330.

CER Office to expand hours Oct. 1

The Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment Registration Office will implement the following new hours Oct. 1: 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Friday. The office will no longer be closed Thursday mornings.

The CER Office is located at Murr Community Center. For more information, call Marty Johnston at 533-8437.

Fort Huachuca Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is responsible for content appearing on the MWR page in The Fort Huachuca Scout. Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to paula.german@hua.army.mil or visit us on the Web at mwrhuachuca.com



Movies

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigawatt plays at 7 p.m. Friday at Cochise Theater. For the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page B6.

Saturday is fight night at Barnes Field House

BY THOM WILLIAMS
SCOUT STAFF

Barnes Field House hosts Desert Thunder, a series of free amateur boxing matches at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The boxers going head-to-head are mostly trainees from the 304th Military

Intelligence Battalion.

Boxing fans can expect to see 10 bouts of three rounds each. The length of the rounds will be cut back to two minutes because of the Soldiers' status as novice boxers.

Desert Thunder is the culmination of a six to

eight-week novice boxing program run by Andres Portela, a certified boxing coach and a former All-Army boxer.

Fort Huachuca has played host to many armed forces and an international boxing events, now MWR is offering their subject

matter experts to Soldiers.

"What we decided to do was offer our skills to the installation Soldiers as opposed to the All-Army Soldiers that come in from all around the world," said Leslie Woods, chief of MWR's Sports and Fitness Branch.

"The Soldiers will be

center stage on Saturday and their unit will be behind them so it plays into the esprit de corps that we like to think that sports provides," he added.

For the most part this will be the first time that

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Thrift store scores a touchdown with youth football

SCOUT REPORTS

The Fort Huachuca Thrift Store recently made a \$750 donation to the Sierra Vista American Youth Football and Cheer Association. The association, which re-chartered last year from Pop Warner to AYYF, has grown to over 330 football players and cheerleaders from Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista communities. "We grew by over 100 kids this year" explained Keith Hampton, President of the association. "We always knew there was a desire for the program here, but this year it really

kicked in," he went on to explain. The program serves both communities and competes in a league that recently added Bisbee, Douglas, and Nogales to its original four members including Benson, Huachuca City and Wilcox.

"The largest challenge for us was funding and volunteers," Hampton said. "We always had individuals that wanted to help, but it wasn't until this past year we were able to get them all focused in the direction we needed to go." Currently the organization has over 50 volunteers including coaches, fundraising coordinators, managers,

and as with any successful organization the team moms. "Although there is a registration fee, that barely covers the cost of the uniform" states Shauna Valdez association treasure. Football equipment runs about \$150 per child. "When you add in the uniforms and other field equipment it can get expensive real quick." She added. Valdez further stated, "We have great community sponsors including many of the business in Sierra Vista and several organizations from Fort Huachuca. Organizations like the Fort Huachuca Thrift Store really make the

difference in our program," said Valdez.

The association has four flag teams (ages 5-7) and five tackle teams broken into 3 age groups, Mighty Might (ages 7-9), PeeWee (ages 9-11) and Midget (ages 12-14). They also have cheer squads for each team. A pre-season schedule will kick off Saturday the 3rd at Geronimo Field at 9am. The regular season games will be played weekly at Bajoski field on Saturdays through October. Individuals can contact association officials at svyouthfootball@cox.net.

Oktoberfest a wellspring of family fun in Veterans' Memorial Park

BY ROB MARTINEZ
SCOUT STAFF

There was a shortage of lederhosen and steins, but not the 'bier,' food, music, and dancing. Amid the festivities, which included a carnival with rides that catered to all ages and dispositions, was the ubiquitous Oktoberfest presence: the Oom-Pah band.

"We're playing oom-pah music, but we're a Dixieland band, mostly," said Gavin Bailie, who plays the clarinet.

Donnerburg — the name is German for thunder mountain — didn't expect a doubleheader; they were asked to play in the beer tent after their scheduled gig at the band shell. They played during the following scheduled bands' intermissions.

During the Oktoberfest, everyone loves oom-pah music. The audience showed their appreciation with immediate applause and hooting when the band began to play.

The merriment was not one-sided; "I love it,

been a blast," said Bailie.

The first Oktoberfest was not intended as a festival, but a public celebration of the wedding of Crown Prince Luitpold I and Princess Theressa of Bavaria, on October 17, 1810. It was held on a large meadow in Munich, and the party featured a horse race, beer, food, music and dancing.

It must have caught on, because anniversary celebrations continued each year, usually starting in late September and ending in the first week of October. Oktoberfests have been held in Munich, fairly consistently, for about 200 years.

The custom sprouted in America when immigrants from Germany started smaller Oktoberfests in their communities. Some of the largest fests in the world are held in America.

Sierra Vista may not have one of the largest, but it was still good fun, even for those who had been to others. "It's pretty good," said Sgt. 1st Class David Fife. "It's in September, but pretty good."

Fife is from the Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Test Directorate.



Photo by Rob Martinez

The Oom-Pah band plays at the OktoberFest.

Sierra Vista gears up for 50th anniversary celebration

SCOUT REPORTS

Since 1971 when Fort Huachuca was annexed into the City of

Sierra Vista both communities have grown closer together. Now with the onset of the 50th Anniversary of Sierra Vista on May 26, 2006 post organizations are invited to celebrate along with its sister city from now until the culminating weekend. With the assistance of post organizations, "More than a City a Way of Life!" can be celebrated not only in Sierra Vista, but on post too.

Post organizations can use their annual project as a starting point and with a twist include the 50th anniversary theme. For instance, if your group is having a cake auction, how about making the auction theme birthday cakes for Sierra Vista's 50th birthday? Other possibilities include the hosting of art, photography, poetry, song, or essay contests about Sierra Vista.

Additionally, organizations are needed to assist in the celebration by providing balloons at the park celebration with your organizations name on them wishing

Sierra Vista a Happy Birthday; sponsoring a street dance during the weekend celebration; hosting a reception at the park for those who were around twenty five years ago; providing birthday cake or being a food vendor at the park celebration; escorting our hometown celebrities during the celebration; or hosting a booth at the park (e.g., face painting, games).

The culminating anniversary events begin on Friday, May 26, 2006 with a ceremony to open the current time capsule and view its contents and then place the new time capsule on the site located

north of City Hall. A reception will follow the ceremony at the Sierra Vista Library. A Friday night Street dance is planned for the evening and daytime family events are planned for that weekend at Veterans' Memorial Park.

Participating organizations will have use of the anniversary logo available on disk for use on their organizations letterhead and publicity for their events.

For additional information and a disk with the anniversary logo contact either Carol Dockter at 458-1807 or Rick Mueller at 459-0958.

Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary



Countdown: Sierra Vista turns 50 in 37 weeks

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

The City of Sierra Vista will celebrate its 50th anniversary, "More than a city—a way of life," May 26-28, 2006. In support of the city's celebration, each month until the celebration weekend, The Fort Huachuca Scout will run one reprinted article from the 1955 and 1956 issues of the "Fort Huachuca Scout," showing what fort life was like 50 years ago. Each week, we'll print one or more highlights of what happened on Fort Huachuca a half century ago.

Sierra Vista was founded in 1956 and annexed Fort Huachuca in 1971. Now, as in the past, the two entities worked together and are involved in many partnerships.

The Fort Huachuca Scout has been in publication for 54 years since 1951. Morgue copies of the "Scout" are available for viewing at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, Building 21115, 3015 Carnahan Street, across the street from the gazebo at the west end of Brown Parade Field. Call 533-2622 for additional information.

Enjoy reliving Fort Huachuca's past 50 years, and reminisce as we travel back in time. - Joan Vasey

Reprinted from "The Huachuca Scout," September 8, 1955

Exchange Patrons May Buy Goods on Layaway Plan

A Layaway Plan for the Fort Huachuca Exchange has been established for authorized Exchange Patrons.

Merchandise such as golf equipment, radios,

jewelry, luggage and camera accessories may be purchased through this layaway plan.

For the convenience of authorized patrons, all salesgirls in the Main Post Exchange are familiar with the layaway plan.

The following rules and procedures will apply, as established by directives from Headquarters, Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

1. Authorized patrons may purchase items of merchandise authorized to be stocked in exchanges selling at \$10 or more per item (uniform accessories and other merchandise purchased at one time, aggregate selling price \$10 or more, may be considered a single item) on the layaway plan.

2. Under the layaway plan, payments may be spread over a maximum period of sixty (60) days. The minimum terms are as follows:

a. A down payment of at least one third (1/3) of the total selling price of the merchandise must be made immediately.

b. An additional payment of at least one third (1/3) of the total selling price of the merchandise must be made by no later than thirty (30) days after the initial payment.

c. The final payment must be made no later than sixty (60) days after the initial payment.

3. Items of merchandise purchased under this plan will be laid away until full payment has been made, at which time the merchandise will be given to the customer.

4. Delinquent payments. The file of open layaway tickets will be reviewed at least once each week for delinquent accounts. Whenever a payment becomes more than five (5) days past due, the customer will be notified that if payment is not received, the merchandise will be returned to stock.

5. Refund Layaway Deposits. Whenever layaway merchandise is returned to stock before final payment has been made, the entire amount

already paid by the customer becomes refundable in full.

Voting Shows Irene in Lead

The Cochise County ticket tally this week shows our "Miracle Girl" ahead with 5870 votes. However, as Irene aptly put it "We are a long way from the finish line and your vote is needed to keep Fort Huachuca out in Front. Winning this race is a good way to put Fort Huachuca on the map as an Army Installation with community spirit."

Pay day for Detachment 1, 9470th TU, was brighter than ever when Fort Huachuca's Miracle Girl made a personal appearance in the pay line. Irene was on hand to suggest that Cochise County Fair tickets are a good place to invest some of that hard earned cash. And that suggestion must have been wisely followed, as Detachment 1 is leading all other organizations in ticket sales this week.

A barbecue last Sunday at Huachuca Vista Inn turned into a regal occasion for everyone present, as Fort Huachuca's Queen joined in the festivities. She sends her thanks to the Inn for a delicious dinner and a good time, just as many of the rest of us do.

Another dinner appeared on lovely Irene's calendar this week as she answered the requests of the 526th Signal Company and joined them for lunch Tuesday.

Fort Huachuca is proud of its standing in the Cochise County race this week, just as we are proud of our Irene. We can quell the roar of the Bisbee Lions, we can clip the wings of the Willcox Civil Air Patrol and we can show the Future Farmers of America how to reap a harvest of votes if you get out and vote. Let's have Fort Huachuca way out in front this week and every week.

Ask the Dietitian

Eat more fruits and vegetables!

BY CAPT. JENNIFER L. RODRIGUEZ
REGISTERED DIETITIAN

Every year, during the month of September, the Produce for Better Health Foundation and the National 5-A-Day Partnership launch their 5-A-Day campaign to help Americans increase their consumption of fruits and vegetables. It's September already! Let's talk roughage...

This year's message is "Energize & Mobilize: Eat Fruits, Vegetables, and Be Active." What a great message. Eating more fruits and vegetables and balancing calories with exercise will prevent weight gain and associated health risks such as diabetes, heart disease, and some cancers.

The recommended 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day isn't hard to do. In fact, it's much easier than you think. Try to fill half your plate with vegetables at each meal and use fruits as healthy snacks.

One cup of vegetables or fruit is considered one serving. Add veggies to your sandwich, include

more salads, top a pizza with veggies instead of meat, and make fresh fruit smoothies.

Be sure to choose a variety of colors for the best nutrition bang; red, yellow, orange, white, purple, and green. The brighter, more vibrant the color, the more nutrients they contain. Each color provides a different health benefit to include cancer fighting antioxidants, health promoting phytochemicals and high fiber content for reducing cholesterol.

Try including a new fruit or vegetable each week to add some variety to your healthy eating plan. Here is a recipe to get you started. Happy Eating!

Rodriguez is a registered dietitian at the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center on Fort Huachuca. Send questions to jennifer.rodriguez1@us.army.mil.

Pico de Gallo

Fresh tasting, with just a bit of heat. Use to season your family meals or serve with tortilla chips.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ripe tomatoes, chopped
- 1½ cups chopped onion
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 3 jalapeño peppers, seeds removed and chopped
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Preparation:

1. Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl.
2. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days.

Preparation Time: 20 minutes

Makes 6 servings

½ cup per serving

Nutrition Information Per Serving: Calories 36, Carbohydrate 8 g, Protein 1 g, Total Fat 0 g, Saturated Fat 0g, Cholesterol 0 mg, Sodium 108 mg, Dietary Fiber 2 g

Arizona Tourist

Central Arizona, more than dry desert views

BY MICHAEL COLLINS
SCOUT STAFF

When you think of Central Arizona, the mind automatically defaults to images of dry, arid landscapes with rocky outcrops punctuated by towering saguaro. While this is true, the area also has many lakes that provide year round recreation opportunities for almost all outdoor enthusiasts.

Early pioneers to the central Arizona valley understood the potential the Salt River could bring to the area by providing a reliable and readily accessible source of water. The idea for the construction of the Salt River dams and lakes began in 1903

when settlers banded together to form the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association. To build this massive water storage and delivery system, settlers pledged more than 200,000 acres of their land as collateral to obtain a government loan.

Then President Theodore Roosevelt, whose foresight and commitment brought the project to life, ordered the construction. The dam and lake were later named after him by grateful residents.

Roosevelt Lake became the largest and the first in a chain of lakes that wind through the Superstition Mountains toward Phoenix. Once the largest man-made lake

in the world, Roosevelt covers more than 19,000 acres and offers the most recreation opportunities. Boating, water/jet skiing and fishing are natural choices among outdoor enthusiasts because the lake has the most miles of shoreline to maneuver. Game fish in Roosevelt include largemouth and smallmouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish and crappie. The Lake contains a wildlife area and as a wildlife refuge, is posted to permit hunting at certain times of the year.

Next in the chain of Salt River Lakes is Apache. This is the most secluded and difficult of the lakes

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Courtesy photo

Water skiing is just one activity available along the Salt River.

Community Briefs

Recycling contest

The city of Sierra Vista has again this year entered a nationwide competition with other communities its size to see who can recycle the most aluminum cans during the contest pe-

riod – now through Sept. 16. The prize is \$5,000, and another \$5,000 in prize money will go to the city that comes up with the most innovative means of collecting the cans. Any winnings will go toward improving

the city's recycling program.

Smash the cans and get them to the recycling center (1224 North Avenue) or to any of the other drop-off sites during the two-week period.

City Drop-Off Sites for aluminum cans, newspapers, and magazines (open 24-hours): Recycling Center on North Street, Target, Osco parking lot, Ethel Berger Center, and the Mall at Sierra Vista.

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Show your colors

The Fort Huachuca workforce and those who live on post are encouraged to show their colors by wearing red, white and blue on Friday to honor those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack of Sept 11, 2001.

Residents of Fort Huachuca are also encouraged to fly the American flag.

Correction

Eifler Fitness Center will be open regular hours Friday through Monday. The maintenance closure will be rescheduled for a later date. For more information, call 533-4723.

Hurricane relief

The Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop is collecting items for Hurricane Katrina that will be delivered to World Care.

Items needed are bandages, antibiotic creams, soap, alcohol, aspirin, non-aspirin, non-latex sterile gloves, 3" roller bandages, sterile gauze pads, medical wound glue, liquid adhesive, vitamins, diarrhea and stomach remedies, antihistamines, antifungal creams and stool softeners.

Hygiene supplies such as toothbrushes, toothpaste,

shampoo, soap, combs, antibacterial soaps, waterless soaps, feminine products, baby diapers and wipes.

Sign up for youth dance classes

The SKIESUnlimited program is currently accepting students for two new dance classes.

The Combination Dance Class, which includes ballet, tap, jazz, baton and acrobatics, will begin Wednesday. The class will be broken into four separate age groups, and youth ages 2 - 18 years may attend. The program fees and class location are dependent upon age group.

The Hip Hop Dance class will be held 4:30 - 6 p.m., every Saturday, beginning Sept. 10, at the School Age Services Building. This class is open to youth ages 9 - 18, and the program fee is \$35 per month.

For more information, call SKIES Instructional Program Specialist Robin Gabert at 533-0710.

Salt River tubing trip/retreat

The Fort Huachuca Chaplain's Team will present a Single Soldier Retreat/Salt River Tubing Trip Sept. 16 and 17. The cost is \$16 per person and includes the Salt River float trip, overnight accommodations at the Best Western, Apache Junction, Ariz., continental breakfast, lunch on the river and the retreat.

Those attending will also be responsible for the cost of their own dinner during the trips to and from Apache Junction.

Registration is due no later than Wednesday at the Kino Chapel by paying the \$16 to Sgt. Derick Mickey.

For more information, call Sgt. Mickey at 533-2388 or 533-9507.

USAWOA 5th Annual Golf Scramble

The Fort Huachuca chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association is hosting their 5th annual golf tournament on Sept. 17.

Proceeds from this tournament will go to the David

M. Heckman Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This program provides financial assistance to deserving high school seniors and first and second year college students in their pursuit of higher education.

The tournament will be held at the San Pedro Golf Course in Benson.

Pre-registration can be done any time before Saturday. The tournament is limited to 36 teams, so register soon.

For more information please call 533-4843, 533-8657 or 533-4081.

Bike rental and repair

Sun n' Spokes of Sierra Vista is offering bike rental and repair of customer-owned bikes on Fort Huachuca from 4:30- 6 p.m. on Monday-Friday and from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. on Saturdays at the Eifler Fitness Center.

For more information, call Sun n' Spokes at 236-5969 or visit their Web site at snsbikes.com.

Youth Tae Kwon Do class moving

The Child and Youth Services SKIES Unlimited Tae Kwon Do class will permanently change locations Oct. 1, from the Youth Center to Murr Community Center. The class will continue at its regular time, every Tuesday and Thursday, at the new location. For more information, call Robin Gabert at 533-0710.

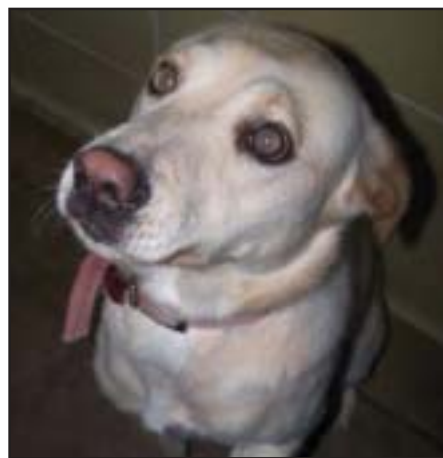
Lost and Found

The Fort Huachuca Military Police lost and found currently has numerous adult and children's bicycles available for return to their owners. The lost and found also has several wallets and ID cards.

If you are missing any of the above, please call Ariana Barrios or Amber M. Gonzalez of Military Police Investigations at (520) 533-8830/8825.

The lost and found office is located in Building 31122, Rm. 179.

Pets Of The Week



Lilly is a sweet, energetic 2-year-old yellow lab mix. Courtesy photo from petfinder.com.



Cookie is a 9-month-old female calico shorthair. Courtesy photo from petfinder.com.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachuca.petfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation, stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

Today -7 p.m.

The Wedding Crashers
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Friday -7 p.m.

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigalo
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Saturday -7 p.m.

Must Love Dogs
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Sunday -2 p.m.

Must Love Dogs
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Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

For the latest news on the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source. Tune in to our news block hours at four convenient times throughout the day.

Fort Huachuca's Channel 97 will discontinue airing of the weekly Fort Report for a short period of time. Spc. Nate Ludwig, the broadcaster in charge of the report, has left the Army and a civilian replacement has not yet been hired. The Scout will notify the community of the return of the Fort Report and until then, keep tuned to the CAC for other pertinent post information.



BOXING, from Page B1

boxers will participate in a real bout. “One of the neatest things you see in novice boxing is when the bell goes, folks are going to see guys rising to the occasion,” Woods said.

Safety will be the biggest issue Woods added. Boxers will be paired against each other according to skill level and weight.

Prior to the “smoker,” Capt. Michael Lorich, a doctor from Raymond W. Bliss

Army Health Center will give the competitors physicals and will be standing by ringside as the boxers go toe-to-toe.

“I can’t tell you how easy he [Lorich] makes our job and comfortable knowing that he is ringside taking care of Soldier athletes,” Woods said.

Wood’s also believes the Soldiers’ skills are sharpened by the training. “Combat

skills are enhanced when you get into the ring and go toe-to-toe with another person,” he added.

The novice boxing gives Soldiers the opportunity to try a new fitness activity, Woods pointed out.

Refreshments will be sold at the event. Proceeds from the sales will go to the 304th MI Bn. family readiness group.

RIVER, from Page B3

to reach because there are no asphalt roads leading to the marina and camp sites.

Connected to the Roosevelt by a long filament of cobalt blue water that slices through sheer canyon walls, multi-hued layers of rock reveal the geologic history of the area with contrasting waves of white limestone that strain under the weight of crimson sandstone.

Expect great bird watching as red tailed hawks and eagles plunge and glide effortlessly in the canyon’s thermal updrafts. Pontoon boating is popular for close-up looks at saguaro forests,

wildlife and colorful canyon walls. The Apache Lake Marina offers other types of boat rentals to the public as well.

Canyon Lake is the most accessible from the Phoenix area and consequently one of the most visited. The drive from Apache Junction on the Old West Highway to the lake is beautiful, winding through sharp turns and switchbacks of the Superstitions. Weekends are busy with boaters and jet skiers and congestion is a perennial problem but the area quiets down considerably in the evening hours. Camping and

picnic sites are plentiful. Continue on to Tortilla Flat (population 6) which is the official jumping off point for the unpaved portion of Apache Trail that leads down the original mule driven pathways toward Apache and Roosevelt Lakes.

How to get there

From Sierra Vista, take State Highway 90 north to Interstate 10; turn west to State Highway 77 in Tucson (47 miles); turn north to Globe (100 miles); at intersection of 77 and State Highway 60, follow 60 through Globe to State Highway 188; turn right (northwest) on 188.

Driving

The Apache Trail provides the most scenic opportunities, but stretches can be rough. Most vehicles can sustain the sometimes washboard terrain, but high clearance is recommended.

Weather and climate

The sun can be intense during the summer months. Water, hats and sunscreen are recommended.

For More Information, contact the Tonto National Forest at 2324 E. McDowell Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85006; (602) 225-5200; or www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/home.shtml on the Web.

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